

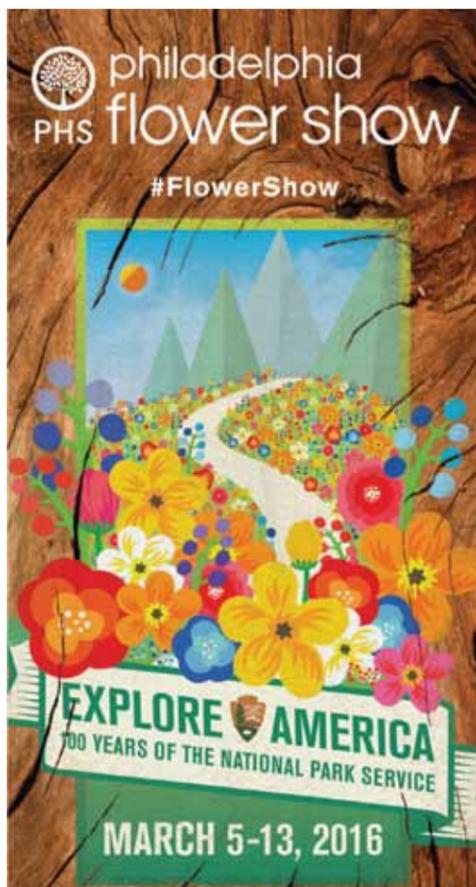


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## NPS Celebrates 100 Years



JOIN THE EXCITEMENT marking the 100th birthday of the National Park Service. Founded in 1916, the National Park Service promotes the preservation and enjoyment of national parks with the goal of leaving these treasures “...unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Celebrate the National Park Service centennial all year long. Plan to attend the national park-themed Philadelphia Flower Show, held from March 5-13, and explore the monumental beauty of America’s national parks through the eyes of the world’s best floral and garden designers.

Visit your national parks in the centennial year—or any year—and discover timeless stories of determination, compromise, courage, achievement, and change. At Independence National Historical Park, you can explore Franklin Court, once home to Benjamin Franklin, and learn about a man who embraced all of those traits with the goal of being “useful.” Let your curiosity run wild in the “Franklin Fun Zone” over Franklin’s birthday weekend (see page 5).

What national park story has meaning for you? Maybe the story is simply about a family—your family—enjoying treasured places and making memories in America’s national parks.

### Kick Off the NPS Centennial

How will we top 2015 for exciting events? The recent visit and speech by Pope Francis at Independence Hall and the use of the Hall as the backdrop for ESPN’s College GameDay were once in a lifetime events.

Those events provided spectacular media coverage for the park, and Pope Francis provided an outstanding recommendation for the park saying that his visit to Independence Hall was a highlight of his visit to the United States.

The truth is that the staff at the park can provide a special interpretive experience for every visitor whether in Independence Hall, the Franklin Museum, or any other park building. As we enter the National Park Service’s Centennial year, I invite you to find your highlight experience.

Join us as we celebrate the winter birthdays of Martin Luther King, Jr., George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and Edgar Allan Poe through a series of special programs and “Fun Zones.” Visit the Benjamin Franklin Museum, free on January 18 and February 15, for an opportunity to learn about the life and achievements of this Founding Father through science, music, art, and fun; stop by the Visitor Center to meet Benjamin Franklin himself.

Celebrate Black History Month at Independence NHP. On February 1, the National Freedom Day Association will mark the day with us with a wreath-laying at the Liberty Bell. On this day in 1865 President Lincoln signed a joint resolution from Congress proposing the Thirteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Learn more about these events on our website, or in our mobile app.

Cynthia MacLeod  
Superintendent

## The Power of Symbols

SYMBOLS SPEAK TO US in many ways. They may identify a brand, serve as a rallying point for a cause, or represent an idea. An old broken bell—the Liberty Bell—is one of the most powerful symbols of liberty in the world. It bears a timeless message: “Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land Unto All the Inhabitants Thereof.”

Originally known as the State House bell, this bell rang out from the tower of Independence Hall, gathering people together, sometimes in celebration and sometimes in mourning. Abolitionists fighting to end slavery in America after the Revolutionary War were inspired by the State House bell’s message of liberty. They adopted it as their symbol, naming it the Liberty Bell in 1835. View the exhibits in the Liberty Bell Center this winter and take a moment to consider the co-existence of liberty and enslavement in America’s history.

Explore the stories of people working individually and collectively for the ideal of liberty. Visit the Underground Railroad exhibit in the Visitor Center. While you are there, ask a park ranger about the “Heroes of the Underground Railroad” trading cards for kids. Kids can earn cards while learning about the contributions of men and women like William Still and Lucretia Mott.

Visit the President’s House Site and look for the wall



Civil Rights leaders rallied around this bell and its message. In 1959, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. participated in a wreath laying ceremony at the Liberty Bell on National Freedom Day, the day commemorating the resolution outlawing slavery in the United States.

bearing the names of the nine enslaved servants who worked in President Washington’s household in Philadelphia. Up for a challenge? Find the footprints embedded in the ground nearby. They represent enslaved maid Oney Judge’s flight to freedom.

What does liberty mean to you?

### Inside

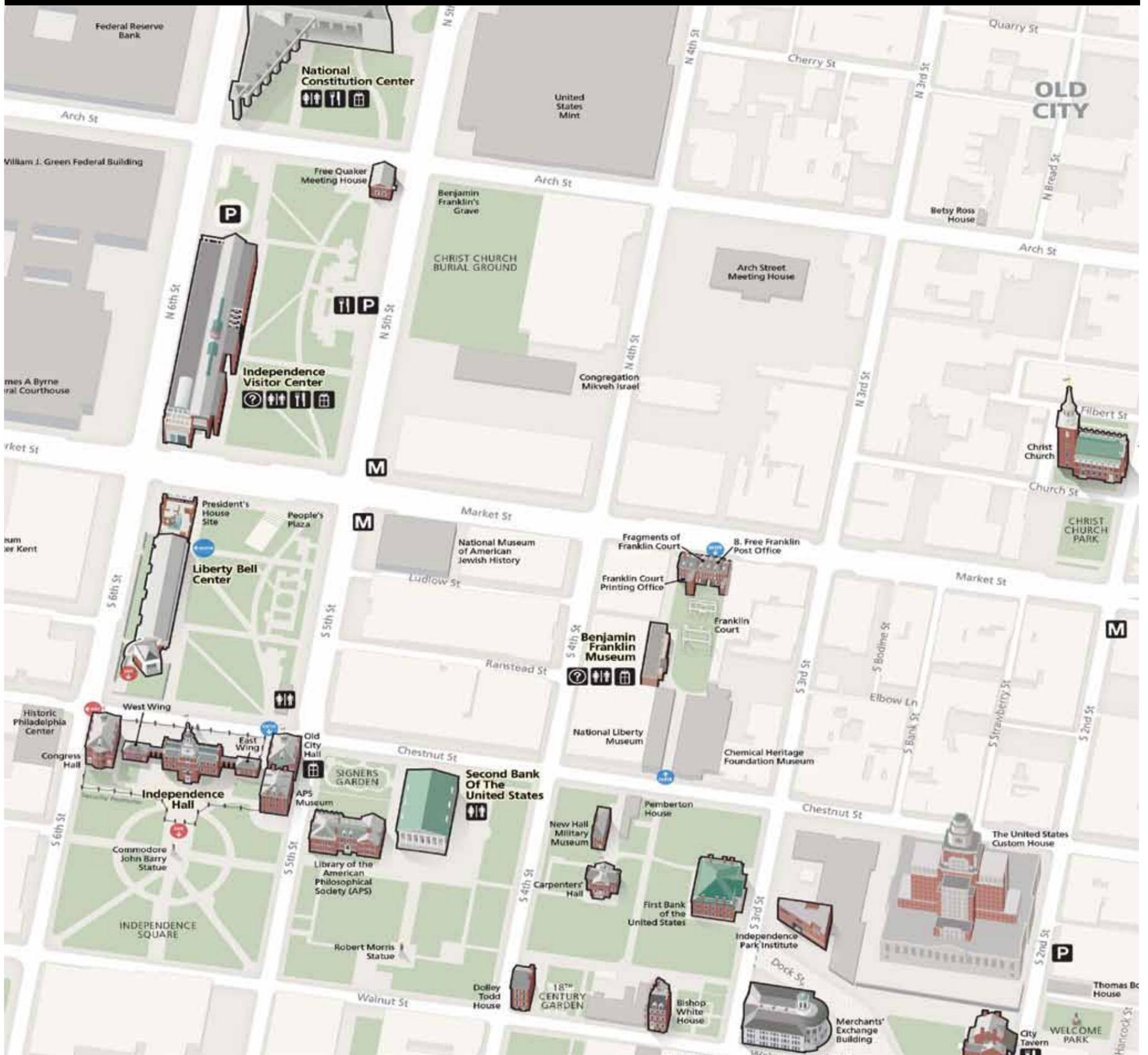
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“Winter” season runs from January 1 through February 29, 2016.



Park map also available in park brochure, or download the NPS Independence mobile app



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**Park Dispatch**  
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## Other Sites of Interest

**Carpenters' Hall**  
Chestnut St. between 3rd and 4th Sts.  
Open 10:00am - 4:00pm Wednesday-Sunday  
www.ushistory.org/carpentershall

**Library of the American Philosophical Society**  
5th and Library St., enter from Library St. door  
Lobby exhibit open 9:00am - 4:45pm Monday-Friday  
www.amphilsoc.org/library

**Gloria Dei (Old Swedes' Church) National Historic Site**  
916 Swanson Street  
Open 9:00am - 4:00pm Tuesday-Sunday  
www.nps.gov/glde

**Valley Forge National Historical Park**  
20 miles northwest of city; get directions at the Visitor Center  
Open daily 9:00am - 5:00pm  
www.nps.gov/vafo

## Safety

To help protect park resources and ensure an enjoyable visit for everyone, please follow park rules and posted regulations.

- Pets are not allowed inside public buildings, unless a designated assistive animal. Pets must be kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet and under control at all times. Please remember to pick up after your pet and dispose of waste in a trash bin.
- Please dispose of your garbage in trash containers or take it with you when you leave.
- Bicycles are not allowed on park sidewalks and pathways.
- Security checkpoint screening is required for entrance to Independence Square buildings and the Liberty Bell Center.

## Accessibility

The park strives to provide access to all our facilities and programs for the broadest possible range of visitors. Due to the historic nature of many sites, access for wheelchairs or other physical challenges cannot always be accommodated. Please ask a park ranger before entering a building to learn what resources are available. Look for signage that indicates assistive listening and audio description services. All park films are open captioned.



## Independence Visitor Center

Open daily 8:30am - 6:00pm

The Independence Visitor Center, located in Independence National Historical Park, is the official Visitor Center of the Greater Philadelphia region. It is the perfect place to start your time in Philadelphia, offering visitor amenities including:

- multilingual visitor services representatives
- onsite ticketing to more than 60 area tours and attractions
- free brochures and regional maps
- free, informative historical films
- free Wi-Fi and cell phone charging station
- public restrooms
- onsite cafe

Follow @PHLVisitorCntr, the Visitor Center's virtual concierge service on Twitter. For more information, call 215-965-7676 or visit [PHLvisitorcenter.com](http://PHLvisitorcenter.com).



## Independence Hall

Open daily 9:00am - 5:00pm

No tickets required in January and February

Stand inside the birthplace of our nation. See the room where the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution were debated, drafted and signed.

Ranger-guided tours run every 30 minutes from 9:15am to 4:15pm. Entrance is on a first come, first served basis; the line forms outside the building. Note: Security screening for Independence Hall and the buildings on Independence Square closes at 4:45pm.



### HOLIDAY HOURS

*Martin Luther King, Jr., and President's Day:*

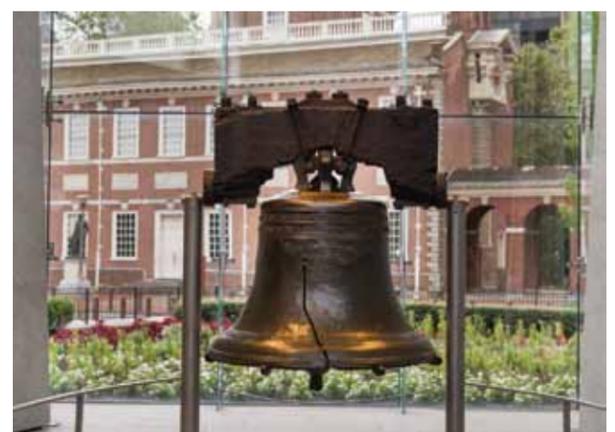
Liberty Bell Center, Independence Hall and Benjamin Franklin Museum open 9am-5pm;  
Independence Visitor Center open 8:30am-6pm



## Liberty Bell Center

Open daily 9:00am - 5:00pm

Come see the international symbol of freedom in all its glory. Learn about the Liberty Bell's legacy as a symbol of protest and celebration, from its humble beginnings as the State House bell to its use as a rallying cry to end slavery and an inspiration to the modern civil rights movement.



## National Constitution Center

Open 9:30am - 5:00pm Monday thru Saturday;  
12N - 5:00pm Sundays  
[constitutioncenter.org](http://constitutioncenter.org)

The museum of *We the People*, America's Town Hall and a headquarters for civic education brings the U.S. Constitution to life for visitors of all ages. With interactive exhibits, theatrical performances and historical documents of freedom, stop by and learn about the rights and freedoms guaranteed to all Americans.





**Congress Hall**

Open 9-5 daily

Walk the halls of Congress and see the chambers where the first House of Representatives and Senate of the United States met and debated during those formative years. Hear the stories of conflict and compromise as elected officials struggled to interpret the meaning of the U.S. Constitution.



**West Wing**

Open 9-5 daily

This gallery contains some of our nation's most celebrated documents—original printed copies of the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution of the United States. Also on display is the silver Syng inkstand, believed to be the one used by the signers in the cause of independence.



**Old City Hall**

Open 9-5 daily

This building, completed in 1791, once served as City Hall for the city of Philadelphia. During the early years, the courtroom was used by the U.S. Supreme Court to hear cases that tested the interpretation of our Constitution. City Council met on the second floor while court convened below.



**Independence Hall**

Open 9-5 daily

In 1776, the Second Continental Congress signed the Declaration of Independence here. Eleven years later, in the same room, delegates to the Constitutional Convention created and signed an enduring framework of government, the U.S. Constitution. Although known today as Independence Hall, the building was constructed to be the Pennsylvania State House. It once housed all three branches of Pennsylvania's colonial government.

For park information, visit us on the web at [www.nps.gov/inde](http://www.nps.gov/inde)



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**The President's House: Freedom and Slavery in the Making of a New Nation**

Open 7am-10pm daily

George Washington and John Adams both lived at this site while serving as President of the United States. Washington's household included numerous indentured and enslaved servants. Adams never owned slaves and employed a small staff. These outdoor exhibits examine the paradox between slavery and freedom in the founding of our nation, in a place right next door to the Liberty Bell itself.



**Benjamin Franklin Museum**

Open 9-5 daily

Explore the life and legacy of one of Philadelphia's most famous sons. This underground museum displays historical objects, animated videos, and computer interactives that allow visitors to learn about Benjamin Franklin through his life-long interests in science, philanthropy, business, and politics. The exhibits reveal interesting aspects of Franklin's character and try to explain his continued popularity and relevancy today.

*\*Free admission on 1/18 and 2/15*



**Franklin Court Printing Office**

Open 10-5 daily

As a printer himself, Benjamin Franklin understood the power of the press. Visitors can see first-hand how an 18th century printing office operated and discover the pivotal role that the printed word played in the American Revolution and the founding of the nation. Adjacent to the printing office is the newspaper office of Franklin's grandson, Benjamin Franklin Bache.



**Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site**

Open 9-5 (closed 12-1pm) Friday-Sunday

Celebrate Edgar Allan Poe's astonishing creativity in the home where he published such tales as *The Gold-Bug* and *The Spectacles*. Descend to the basement to see Poe's inspiration for *The Black Cat*, and explore the exhibits to learn of his life as well as his continued literary influence.

Located at 532 N. 7th Street  
On-street parking is available, or take the #47 bus.  
[www.nps.gov/edal](http://www.nps.gov/edal)



Enjoy **FREE** admission to the Benjamin Franklin Museum, January 18 and February 15, 2016

Born on January 17, 1706, Franklin lived in an age of sweeping change in America and Europe. His ideas and inventions made an impact on the course of history—and they continue to touch our lives today.

### “Franklin Fun Zone”

January 16, 17, and 18, 10am - 3pm  
Benjamin Franklin Museum

Celebrate Franklin’s birthday and enjoy a variety of activities inspired by Franklin’s interest in science, music, art, and more. Try your hand at playing the glass armonica, or create an instrument of your own. You may even see the famous man himself.



## Black History Month @ Independence

### FREE Lecture and Book Signing

Join James Thompson, author of *George Washington’s Mulatto Man: Who Was Billy Lee?*, for a talk about the bond connecting Washington and his enslaved man, William Lee. In his will, Washington freed Billy and bestowed upon him a lifetime annuity. A book signing will follow the lecture.

2:00pm February 13

Independence Visitor Center theater

### “Strike Up the Band: The Life and Music of Francis Johnson”

Be inspired by the extraordinary music and career of Francis Johnson, Philadelphia’s premier African-American bandmaster, in this ranger-led slide show. Despite social and political barriers, Johnson became one of the most celebrated bandleaders of the early 1800’s.

2:00pm February 6 and 27

Independence Visitor Center theater

### “Views on the American Colonization Society”



Absalom Jones by Raphaelle Peale, 1810. Delaware Art Museum, Gift of Absalom Jones School.

2:00pm

February 20

Independence Visitor Center theater

Hear from three leading 19th century African Americans—Absalom Jones, Richard Allen, and James Forten—on an issue that generated great debate in Philadelphia—the proposed relocation of free African Americans to Africa. History comes alive as these men step out of the past for a powerful discussion about race in 19th century America. It is 1817...would you stay in Philadelphia or move to Africa?

### NPS Independence Mobile App

Follow “In Franklin’s Footsteps” or go “In Pursuit of Liberty” using the park’s **FREE** mobile app, “NPS Independence.” Enjoy five thematic audio tours and listen to timeless tales of sacrifice, intrigue, compromise, and independence. Download the app from the App Store or on Google Play. *Tip: use the free Wi-Fi in the Visitor Center.*



## NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER



### Special Exhibition: Headed to the White House

opening February 12

The next president of the United States will be...you! Visit the National Constitution Center for the timely “Headed to the White House” exhibit, and experience the excitement, intrigue, and Constitutional legacy of presidential elections through hands-on interactive and multimedia experiences. Open President’s Day through Election Day. For tickets, visit [constitutioncenter.org](http://constitutioncenter.org).



### Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service January 18

Celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The museum is hosting volunteer opportunities, moving readings of the “I Have a Dream” speech, concerts, and much more. Enjoy \$5 admission to the museum, courtesy of Macy’s.

### Constituting Liberty: From the Declaration to the Bill of Rights now through December 2017

Experience America’s founding documents up close! The National Constitution Center is proud to display one of the 12 surviving copies of the Bill of Rights. It has been preserved as part of the The New York Public Library’s renowned research collection for over 100 years.

# Support Your Park with Eastern National



Pick up a passport book or keepsake pin at the Independence Square store.

Come browse through the park's museum stores. Operated by Eastern National, each store carries one of a kind items to commemorate your visit to the park. Learn about the history of the park and the Founding Fathers through a special selection of books, postcards, apparel and household goods. See the beautiful selection of Jamestown colonial glass or visit the special section for children's gifts in each store. Stores are located in the Benjamin Franklin Museum and Old City Hall. *A portion of sale proceeds goes to support the park.*

## Become a "Friend" to Independence!



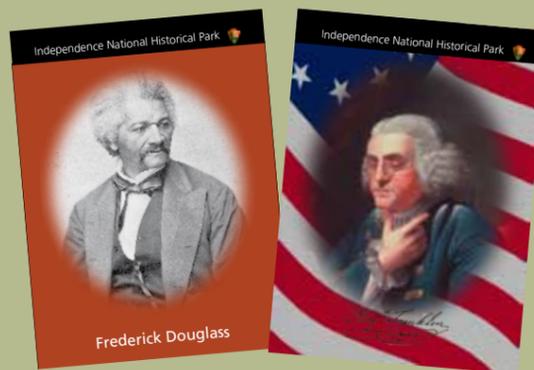
For over 42 years, the Friends of Independence National Historical Park has supported the park in their endeavors to preserve our national treasures and provide educational interpretation to the millions of visitors who visit Philadelphia each year. During this time we have helped purchase over 1,000 artifacts for the park's collections, raised funds to rehab park spaces, and provided over 35 years of free educational walking tours and so much more.

Our members are making a difference. Please join us in supporting the "Best Park in History." For more information, please visit our website: [www.friendsofindependence.org](http://www.friendsofindependence.org) or call our office at 215-861-4971.

## For Kids



**Independence Junior Ranger**  
Ring the Liberty Bell, Create Your Own Portrait and earn a Jr. Ranger badge or certificate. Download the FREE "Independence Junior Ranger" app. *For iPhone and iPad.* Or, pick up a Junior Ranger booklet at the Visitor Center desk.



**Trading Cards**  
Answer questions from park rangers and earn cards. Learn about the "Faces of Independence" and the "Heroes of the Underground Railroad."



From Acadia to Cape Cod, Yellowstone to Yosemite, the largest flower show in the nation will honor our treasured parks with acres of themed displays, breathtaking imagery, and heart-pounding adventure experiences.

March 5-13, 2016

Purchase tickets at [www.theflowershow.com](http://www.theflowershow.com) or at the Independence Visitor Center.

## Celebrate Our Leaders in America's Birthplace

From Wintertime Storytelling, to Meet-and-Greets with Ben Franklin, you can celebrate the Founding Fathers' birthdays in the Independence Visitor Center. Join the fun for Benjamin Franklin's birthday in January, and President's Day weekend in February.



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**Wintertime Storytelling**  
January 15 & 16: 11am - 5pm  
February 12 & 13: 11am - 5pm

**Meet-and-Greets**  
Benjamin Franklin, January 16: 11am - 1pm  
George Washington, February 13: 11am - 1pm



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December 1773: City Tavern opens boasting the second largest ballroom in the British North America.  
January 1789: City Tavern becomes the headquarters of the Merchant's Coffee House & Place of Exchange.  
May 1774: Paul Revere arrives at City Tavern to announce the closing of the port of Boston.  
1976: The newly rebuilt City Tavern opens in time for the bicentennial.  
September 1774: City Tavern is the unofficial meeting place of the first continental congress. Participants include George Washington, Thomas Jefferson & John Adams.  
1994: Chef Walter Staib wins congressional approval to operate City Tavern & feature 18th century gourmet cuisine.  
July 1777: America's first Fourth of July celebration is held at City Tavern.  
Today: Chef Walter Staib's *A Taste of History* premiers on PBS & was Emmy Awards, a James Beard nomination, is filming new seasons!  
August 1777: General Washington uses City Tavern as the official headquarters of the Continental Army.



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